

What is claimed is:

1. A buffer page system, comprising:
 - a data source, providing data elements in a first order;
 - 5 a data destination, receiving data elements in a second order;
 - at least two memory devices, each memory device having a plurality of memory pages including a plurality of memory locations, each memory location having an address; and
 - 10 where data elements are stored to at least one memory device and retrieved from at least one memory device in parallel,
 - where each data element corresponds to an entry in one of a plurality of buffer pages, each buffer page having a plurality of entries along a first dimension corresponding to the first order and a plurality of entries along a second dimension corresponding to the second order, and
 - 15 where data is stored to memory devices in the first order and retrieved from memory devices in the second order, and where each memory page stores data in multiple locations according to the first order and stores data in multiple locations according to the second order.
- 20 2. The buffer page system of claim 1, where the at least two memory devices comprises at least four memory devices, and where data elements are stored in parallel to at least two memory devices and retrieved in parallel from at least two memory devices.
- 25 3. The buffer page system of claim 1, where each memory page corresponds to a respective buffer page.
4. The buffer page system of claim 1, where:
 - a data element is pixel data corresponding to a pixel in a frame of pixels, the
 - 30 frame having horizontal rows of pixels and vertical columns of pixels; and
 - the buffer pages are pixel pages, each pixel page having a plurality of pixel page rows and a plurality of pixel page columns.

5. The buffer page system of claim 4, where each row of the frame includes 1920 pixels and each column of the frame includes 1080 pixels.
- 5 6. The buffer page system of claim 4, where pixel data for two pixels is stored in parallel in one clock cycle, pixel data for one pixel to one memory device and pixel data for the other pixel to another memory device.
- 10 7. The buffer page system of claim 4, where pixel data for two pixels is retrieved in parallel in one clock cycle, pixel data for one pixel from one memory device and pixel data for the other pixel from another memory device.
- 15 8. The buffer page system of claim 4, where, in one clock cycle, pixel data for two pixels is retrieved from two memory devices and pixel data for two pixels is stored in two memory devices.
- 19 9. The buffer page system of claim 8, where four memory devices are divided into a first group of two memory devices and a second group of two memory devices, and the groups alternate between storing and retrieving pixel data after storing pixel data for a frame of pixels.
- 20 10. The buffer page system of claim 4, where pixel data is retrieved at twice or more than the rate pixel data is stored.
- 25 11. The buffer page system of claim 10, where pixel data is stored at a rate supporting 60 frames per second, and pixel data is retrieved at a rate supporting 120 frames per second.
- 30 12. The buffer page system of claim 10, where pixel data is retrieved for 64 pixels for every 32 pixels of pixel data that is stored.
13. The buffer page system of claim 1, where each memory device is an 8MB

SDRAM operating at approximately 150MHz.

14. The buffer page system of claim 1, further comprising a memory controller for generating addresses for storing and retrieving data elements.

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15. The buffer page system of claim 14, where:

four memory devices are divided into a first group of two memory devices and a second group of two memory devices,

the memory controller has a first state and a second state,

10 when the memory controller is operating in the first state, pixel data is stored to the first group of memory devices and pixel data is retrieved from the second group of memory devices, and

when the memory controller is operating in the second state, pixel data is retrieved from the first group of memory devices and pixel data is stored to the second 15 group of memory devices.

16. The buffer page system of claim 15, where the memory controller switches states after storing a frame of pixels.

20 17. The buffer page system of claim 15, where the memory controller switches states based on a vertical synchronization signal.

18. The buffer page system of claim 1, further comprising a four-by-four switch, where four memory devices are divided into a first group and a second group, each group including two memory devices, and further where the four-by-four switch provides data elements in alternation to the first group and the second group while retrieving data elements in alternation from the second group and the first group.

25 30 19. A pixel page system, comprising:

a video source providing pixel data for pixels in a frame, the frame having rows of pixels and columns of pixels;

5 a video destination;

a first memory having a plurality of memory locations;

a second memory having a plurality of memory locations;

a third memory having a plurality of memory locations;

a fourth memory having a plurality of memory locations;

10 a memory controller connected to the first memory, the second memory, the third memory, and the fourth memory;

a first data bus connected to the memory controller;

a second data bus connected to the memory controller;

15 a source address line connected to the video source and the memory controller;

a destination address line connected to the video destination and the memory controller; and

where pixel data is stored in parallel to two memory devices and retrieved in parallel from two memory devices,

20 where each pixel corresponds to an entry in one of a plurality of pixel pages, and a pixel page includes multiple pixels from a row in the frame and multiple pixels from a column in the frame, and

where each entry in a pixel page corresponds to a memory location.

25 20. The pixel page system of claim 19, where the memory controller generates addresses for storing and retrieving pixel data.

21. A pixel page system, comprising:

a video source providing pixel data for pixels in a frame, the frame having rows of pixels and columns of pixels;

a video destination;

a first memory having a plurality of memory locations;

a second memory having a plurality of memory locations;

a third memory having a plurality of memory locations;

30 a fourth memory having a plurality of memory locations;

a first address multiplexor connected to the first memory;

a second address multiplexor connected to the second memory;

- a third address multiplexor connected to the third memory;
- a fourth address multiplexor connected to the fourth memory;
- a four-by-four switch connected to the first memory, the second memory, the third memory, and the fourth memory, having a first data input, a second data input, a first data output and a second data output, where the four-by-four switch switches with each frame between providing pixel data to the first memory and the second memory while receiving pixel data from the third memory and the fourth memory, and receiving pixel data from the first memory and the second memory while providing pixel data to the third memory and the fourth memory;
- 10 a source address bus connected to the video source, the first address multiplexor, the second address multiplexor, the third address multiplexor, and the fourth address multiplexor;
- a first destination address bus connected to the video destination, the first address multiplexor, and the third address multiplexor;
- 15 a second destination address bus connected to the video destination, the second address multiplexor, and the fourth address multiplexor;
- a first data bus connected to the video source and the four-by-four switch;
- a second data bus connected to the video destination and the four-by-four switch; and
- 20 where pixel data is stored in parallel to two memory devices and retrieved in parallel from two memory devices,
 - where each pixel corresponds to an entry in one of a plurality of pixel pages, and a pixel page includes multiple pixels from a row in the frame and multiple pixels from a column in the frame, and
 - 25 where each entry in a pixel page corresponds to a memory location.
- 22. The pixel page system of claim 21, where the video source generates addresses for storing pixel data and the video destination generates addresses for retrieving pixel data.

23. A method of storing and retrieving pixel data, comprising:
storing pixel data for a first frame of pixels in a first memory device and a
second memory device, where each memory device includes a plurality of memory
pages, and at least one memory page stores pixel data for at least two pixels from each
5 of at least two horizontal rows of pixels in the first frame of pixels;

storing pixel data for a second frame of pixels in a third memory device and a
fourth memory device, where each memory device includes a plurality of memory
pages, and at least one memory page stores pixel data for at least two pixels from each
of at least two horizontal rows of pixels in the second frame of pixels; and

10 retrieving pixel data for the first frame of pixels from the first memory device
and second memory device.

24. The method of claim 23, where pixel data for the second frame of pixels is
stored and pixel data for the first frame of pixels is retrieved in parallel.

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25. The method of claim 23, where pixel data is stored to the first memory device
and the second memory device while pixel data is retrieved from the third
memory device and the fourth memory device, and pixel data is retrieved from
the first memory device and the second memory device while pixel data is
20 stored to the third memory device and the fourth memory device.

26. The method of claim 23, where the memory devices switch between storing
and retrieving with each frame of pixels.

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27. A system for storing and retrieving pixel data, comprising:
means for storing pixel data for a first frame of pixels in a first memory device
and a second memory device, where each memory device includes a plurality of memory
pages, and at least one memory page stores pixel data for at least two pixels from each
30 of at least two horizontal rows of pixels in the first frame of pixels;

means for storing pixel data for a second frame of pixels in a third memory device
and a fourth memory device, where each memory device includes a plurality of memory

memory pages, and at least one memory page stores pixel data for at least two pixels from each of at least two horizontal rows of pixels in the second frame of pixels; and

means for retrieving pixel data for the first frame of pixels from the first memory device and second memory device.